Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Kenneth C. "KO" Kauth was born on August 18, 1924, to Carl and Ella Kauth, one of six siblings and one surrogate sibling who joined the family most days on the farm near Cavour, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, KO married Veronica "Tootie" Greschke on August 20, 1946, at Huron, South Dakota, giving life and love to four children: Barbara, Pamela, Deborah, and Kevin, who further blessed their lives with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, KO held various jobs and positions throughout his working career, but his 12 years in the South Dakota Legislature, his years as Beadle County Auditor, his time as a Beadle County Commissioner, or the countless seats he held on boards, committees, and other charitable endeavors, serves as a witness to the concern he always showed for other individuals, his compassion for working-class citizens, and his investment in active citizenship; and,

Whereas, KO's life as a public servant serves as a testament to the values he has worked to instill in his family members, his friends, and anyone else close to him—honesty, integrity, compassion, generosity, fairness, and hard work form the cornerstone of KO's personal and professional character; and,

Whereas, KO will observe his 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on August 15, 2009, at Huron to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2009, as

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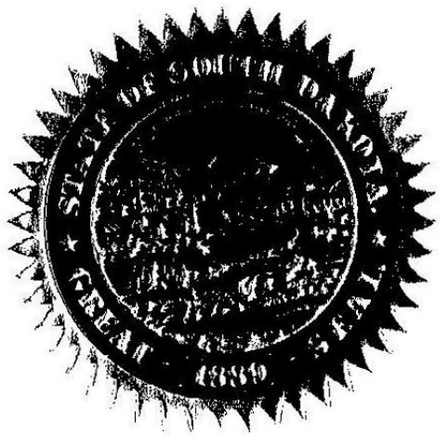
in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State